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MEMORANDUM

TO: Credentialed Media

FROM: Nancy Volmer, Public Information Officer

RE: State of Utah v. Warren Steed Jeffs

Here is some information regarding the upcoming jury selection and trial for State of Utah v. Warren Steed Jeffs.

The Washington County Courthouse is small, which means seating in the courtroom, parking, and other facilities are limited. Cell phones, Blackberries, Treos, and laptops will not be allowed in the courtroom and there is no place to store them in the courthouse. I realize these circumstances are not perfect for reporters, but appreciate your patience and understanding.

Decorum Order

Please read the Decorum Order and be familiar with it. It is available on the court's website at <http://www.utcourts.gov/media/hpcases/> The blank jury questionnaire will be posted on the website on Friday, Sept. 7 after all jurors have filled out and returned the questionnaire.

Credentialing

- New credentials will be issued beginning Monday, Sept. 10 after 8:30 a.m. at the courthouse. The credential is for a news organization and not an individual person. I will not have replacement credentials available.
- Some reporters will be seated in the courtroom and some reporters will be seated in the anteroom. Please be aware that the sound is not the best in the anteroom.

Still Pool Photography

- The Associated Press will be coordinating still pool photography. The contact is Doug Pizac at dpizac@ap.org.

Video Distribution

- This is the court's video that will be provided. There are no video cameras allowed in Utah's district courtrooms.
- Court TV will be distributing video on site at the beginning of the trial of the trial and CNN beginning Sept. 17.

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efficient, and independent system for the advancement of justice under the law.

-TV and radio will be able to plug into Court TV's satellite truck and download the footage. This will be provided following a break each day.

Parking

-There are eight passes for satellite trucks to park. These parking passes will be distributed along with the credentials.

-Following are the stations these will be issued to: CNN, Court TV, FOX13, KLAS, KTVK, ABC4, KSL TV, KUTV.

Restrictions During Jury Selection

-During jury selection, there will be no *satellite trucks or cameras* allowed on site while court is in session. This includes both the Dixie Center Convention Center and the Washington County Courthouse.

-During jury selection, there will be no *media* allowed in the courtroom while court is in session. This includes both the Dixie Center Convention Center and the Washington County Courthouse.

Miscellaneous Questions

-Will witness lists be available? *Not sure at this point.*

-How long will individual voir dire take? *10 to 15 minutes for each juror.*

-How many jurors and alternates will be selected? *8 jurors and at least 2 alternates.*

-Will media be able to get copy of evidence that is not sealed? *Written evidence will be available after the verdict.*

-Will jurors be available to talk to reporters following the trial? *If any jurors want to talk to the media afterward the verdict is given, they will be allowed to do so.*

-When will jurors name be released? *Hasn't been determined yet.*

-What is the potential sentence for a first-degree felony? *5 to life.*

Please let me know what questions you have.

Thanks,
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